

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
FORREST CITY CITY COUNCIL  
FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS  
October 2, 2018**

The City Council of Forrest City, Arkansas met in regular session on October 2, 2018. Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Williams offered prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Echols. The following answered roll call: Mayor Bryant, Clerk Cochran, Attorney Cline and City Council members: Williams, Metcalf, Echols, Echols, Fields, Reeves, Capps, Poteat, and Oswalt.

Alderman Oswalt made a motion to approve the September 18, 2018 minutes. The motion was second by Alderman Metcalf. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Nights Clubs**

Alderman Capps stated night clubs closing in a timely manner was discussed in the absence of Attorney Cline at the last meeting. He stated he would like for Attorney Cline to give the council some options on how to deal with the situation.

Mayor Bryant told Alderman Capps, he thought the council would form a committee among themselves and come up with options then Attorney Cline would have something to work with.

Attorney Cline asked Alderman Capps what kind of options he was speaking of. Alderman Capps stated, it was discussed at the last meeting the possibility of changing zoning laws.

Attorney Cline stated the city cannot make the clubs close, but the city can set hours that certain alcohol can be sold.

**Storm Damages**

Alderman Capps asked Mayor Bryant if he thought the city was at least 70 percent complete with the city's cleanup after the storm.

Mayor Bryant stated it is hard to give a percentage, because people are still pulling limbs from their backyards and trees are still falling. Mayor Bryant stated, as far as picking-up three or four times, the city will never be a 100 percent if people are still pulling stuff out and the wind is still blowing. Mayor Bryant then announced there will be a city-wide clean-up on October 20, 2018 at city hall at 8:00 a.m. He petitioned the council to participate and asked for their shirt sizes for t-shirts.

Alderman Williams expressed concerns about the large roots still on side of the streets. Mayor Bryant stated he is working on getting the tree roots removed as soon as he finds a contractor or maybe the city can find a way to get it done.

Alderman Reeves asked Mayor Bryant if the city has plans to clean-up the trees and limbs at Stuart Springs Park. Mayor Bryant stated the city cannot touch Stuart Spring, he tried remodeling and cleaning the park in 1999 but was shut down and written up; it is historic. Alderman Poteat asked if the park is on the historic registry. Mayor Bryant replied, "yes". Alderman Reeves asked who you can contact to get it cleaned up. Mayor Bryant stated it is not a matter of who you contact, the park is on the National Register of Historic places; the city is unable to make improvements. Alderman Capps stated the council can contact the Historical Reservations Society in Little Rock concerning the guidelines.

Alderman Poteat questioned the cleanup of the property at the corner of Grant and Broadway Streets; the old burned out building. Mayor Bryant stated the city was prepared to start on that project when they learned the property was sold to Mr. Duckworth, which is, the adjoining property owner. The property was purchased as is and now it is the new owner's responsibility.

**October 2, 2018 minutes cont.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fire Station #2 Roof Bid Opening**

Mayor Bryant stated no bids were received on the fire station, it will be re-bid.

**Fire Truck Bid Opening**

Mayor Bryant asked if there were any bids in the audience for the 2003 Freightliner fire truck. There were none.

One bid was submitted from the City of Crawfordsville in the amount of \$38,500.00 The bid will be submitted to Fire Chief Renigar for review.

**GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Alderman Oswalt made a motion to approve and pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$11,092.00. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**STREET FUND BILLS**

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve and pay the Street Fund in the amount of \$4,056.88. The motion was second by Alderman Poteat. Roll Call: All Ayes

**SOLID WASTE FUND BILLS**

Alderman Poteat made a motion to approve and pay the Solid Waste Fund bills in the amount of \$22,781.13. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**FORREST CITY WATER UTILITY**

Alderman Capps made a motion to approve and pay the Forrest City Water Utility bills in the amount of \$34,183.02. The motion was second by Alderman Poteat. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and Updates**

Mayor Bryant announced that the city has a new dump truck coming in.

Mayor Bryant announced the pipe will be put in on Eaton Road when the rain ceases.

Alderman Oswalt asked about the repairs on Campbell Dr. Mayor Bryant stated it is the next project on the list after Eaton Road project.

Alderman Oswalt mentioned a call he received about an uncovered gas line on Highway 70 subdivision located just before Appling Road. Mayor Bryant stated he would call CenterPoint Energy.

For additional context, reference the October 2, 2018 tape.

Alderman Echols made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. second by Alderman Fields.

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Larry Bryant, Mayor

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Derene Cochran, City Clerk-Treasurer